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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2002. Claims 1-30 have been restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-18 are said to be drawn to a release liner, classified in Class 428, subclass 401; and

II. Claims 19-30 are said to be drawn to a method of using a release liner, classified in Class 156, subclass 240.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-18) without traverse, and respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the claims of Group II (claims 19-30) from consideration. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the withdrawn claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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